

PRESS FORUM.

Oskaloosa (Ia.) Times-Journal: It is up to Cortelyou now to investigate the beef trust. If he scares that octopus into as much submission as did the valiant Teddy a year or more ago, he'll be a true type of strenuousity—with his mouth.

Benton (Mo.) Record: Considering the fact that Clevelandism has been directly responsible for the two last reverses of the democratic party, Grover's advice as to how to conduct the present presidential campaign is not altogether in good taste.

Lamar (Colo.) Sparks: Governor Peabody says the only remedy for the kukluxed miners is a resort to the courts. Is that what he told the mine owners of Cripple Creek when they appealed to him for armed help to crush the strike before any overt acts had been committed?

Bellefonte (Pa.) Democrat: Having won the anti-trust suit in the supreme court in the merger case it is now announced from Washington that the administration will stop at that, not have the fines imposed and will not sue any of the other great trusts. That kind of an anti-trust president will suit the trusts, sure.

Bucyrus (O.) Forum: Republicans give credit for sunshine, good crops and nice growing weather to President Roosevelt, but they are meanly trying to throw the blame for the Iroquois fire on Carter Harrison, and for the recent floods upon the Almighty. It won't work. The power that makes the sunshine is the same that rules the storm.

Hastings (Neb.) Democrat: What has become of the "full dinner pail," that prestidigitatorial present of the political bunco man to American workingmen? The coal miners have dolefully answered, in the expressive language of the street, "You may search me!" They wanted to strike against a reduction of wages, but John Mitchell urged them not to, because times are hard and getting harder. So they have voted against a strike, agreeing to accept lower wages.

Goshen (N. Y.) Independent-Republican: Evidently the decision of the United States supreme court in the Northern Securities case has seriously alarmed the administration, for announcement is made that there will be no more "trust busting" until after election, and there will be no effort made to punish the men who violated the law in combining two great railway systems in order to stifle competition. The president's position is very much like that of the hunter who was pursuing a bear and quit because the trail got too hot.

Troy (O.) Democrat: Upon what theory are these democratic traitors, or reorganizers, to be put in command of the party of the people in the year 1904? For eight years they have been acting as spies and traitors to aid the republican party so that their friends in Wall street should not be disturbed. And now they have the audacity to demand the leadership in the great battle of 1904. But if the people of the United States guard their interests they will not place them in the hands of the reorganizers, but will put the democratic cause in charge of true friends of the country.

De Pere (Wis.) Democrat: The Hon. John Sharp Williams, floor leader of the democracy in the house of representatives, has introduced a bill for the relief of the sufferers by fire at Baltimore by rebate of duties on building material and suspension of certain internal revenue taxes. By so doing he has again put the republicans in a hole, soaped the sides and pulled up the ladder. If they refuse to pass the measure they will go up



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against a precedent established when the Chicago fire occurred in 1871 and thereby rob many honest men who have been unfortunate. If they do pass it they will admit the democratic contention that the tariff is a tax and that the tax is paid by the consumers of the country and not by the foreigners, as maintained by them. They are up against it. This bill cuts both ways like the nigger's con trap. It catches them a comin' and a goin'.

Irish Standard, Minneapolis: It was hardly necessary for Attorney General Knox to inform the country that "he does not intend to run amuck" against the trusts, even though the supreme court has pointed the way. The administration, no doubt, figures that it has done enough to make claims that it is the champion "trust buster." It will hardly go any further toward alienating the powerful friends of the republican party.

Willows (Cal.) Journal: Another step in the exploitation of the Philippines will soon be taken by the administration. True to the interests of graft and loot the administration instead of proceeding to build railroads itself to be under government control intends to let out the privilege to capital in this country and guarantee interest on the money invested. In other words, this administration is opening places for the investment of capital and guaranteeing to said capital immunity from loss. They propose to authorize the Philippine government to execute a legislative guarantee of 4 per cent per annum on \$40,000,000 of bonds for railroad construction in the islands and the bill will be introduced this week. This

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bill will bar out foreign capital so as to give Wall street the monopoly of the game. This administration has been very persistent in its efforts to get the good republicans of the United

States to believe that Wall street interests are dead against it, for political reasons and political effect. Does this move look like it? "All the people cannot be fooled all the time."